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(ITEM NO: 8 CONT) THE NEWS OF THE ASSASSINATION OF U.S. SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY WAS HEARD WITH INDIGNATION AND DISGUST BY INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL WORKERS. MANY WORKERS CONDEMNED POLITICAL MURDER AS COMMITTED AGAINST FORMER-PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. THEY PROTESTED SHARPLY AGAINST THOSE EXTREMIST REACTIONARY CIRCLES WHO, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR ANTIDEMOCRATIC AND ANTICOMMUNIST GOALS, ARE INCREASINGLY PRACTICING MURDER AGAINST THEIR POLITICAL OPPONENTS AND WHO HAVE INTRODUCED MURDER AS A MEANS OF POLITICAL DISCUSSION THE THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MANY WORKERS MADE STATEMENTS SIMILAR TO THE FOLLOWING: "KENNEDY'S ELECTION AS PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE LED TO AN ALTERATION OF THE CRIMINAL U.S. WAR IN VIETNAM: THEREFORE HE HAD TO DIE." "THE REACTIONARY FORCES OF THE USA, REPOONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, WANTED TO ERADICATE THE FUTURE PRESIDENT THROUGHT THE MURDER OF ROBERT KENNEDY, WHO WOULD HAVE REVENGED THE CRIMINAL ASSASSINATION OF HIS BROTHER HAD HE COME TO POWER." B. HALLE HALLE BEZIRK REPORTS (GIST, C.1050Z, 10 JUN 68, 21/A/274) THAT THE SITUATION IN THE CSSR IS STILL NOT OCCUPYING THE MAJORITY OF DISCUSSIONS AND CONTINUES TO DECREASE AS A TOPIC OF CONVERSATION, ALTHOUGH GREAT CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED OVER DEVELOPMENTS THERE, SUCH AS "THE OPENING OF THE BORDER TO WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA IS A SERIOUS DANGER FOR THE SOCIALIST CAMP, ESPECIALLY THE DDR." FEARS WERE EXPRESSED THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE CERTAIN ELEMENTS TO FLEE THE DDR THROUGH THE CSSR AND WOULD ALLOW AGENTS AND REVANCHISTS FROM WEST GERMANY TO BE BROUGHT IN TO SUPPORT THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. IT WAS ASKED: "HOW ABOUT THE COMMAND POSITIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE CSSR--ARE THEY IN THE HANDS OF CONSCIOUS COMRADES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY (CPC):" "WILL THE ARMED FORCES OF THE CSSR FULFILL THEIR DUTIES WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT:" CITIZENS WHO HAVE VISITTED THE CSSR HAVE STATED: "IN THE CITIES AND VILLAGES OF THE CSSR THE SITUATION IS NO DIFFERENT THAN EVER. NOW THE PEOPLE LIVE MORE FREELY." "THE CITIZENS OF THE CSSR HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE NEW PARTY AND STATE LEADERS AND FIRMLY BELIEVE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDERLY CONDITIONS." "WHY SHOULDN'T THE CSSR BUILD SOCIALISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH HER OWN IDEAS: IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT IF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OERELY OBSERVED, TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT NO NONSENSE WAS GOING ON. LET'S NOT OVERESTIMATE THE DANGER IN THE CSSR: THE LEADING COMRADES OF THE CPC WILL HANDLE THE SITUATION PROPERLY." REPORTS BY THE DELEGATIONS THAT WERE IN THE CSSR DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS REVELA THAT THERE IS NO UNIFORM CONCEPT AS TO THE BASIC PROBLEMS OF THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY, THE POWER, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRACY, OR OF ECONOMIC AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE REPORTS ALSO REVEAL THAT THE DELEGATIONS OCCASIONALLY ENCOUNTERED PEOPLE WHO WERE PREPARED FOR THEM AND WHO ATTEMPTED TO DIRECT THE DISCUSSION IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION: WITH THE JUSTIFICATION OF THEIR PATH AND THAT "WE" NEED HAVE NO WORRIES OVER THE

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DEVELOP- MENTS IN THE CSSR. EVEN FUNCTIONARIES KNOWN TO DELEGATION MEMBERS OF THE CPC EXHIBITED SUBJECTIVE CONCEPTS, NATIONALIST TENDENCIES AND FUZZINESS REGARDING BASIC QUESTIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF MARXISM-LENINISM ON THE LEADING ROLE OF THE PARTY, THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT, PROLETARIAN INTERREACTIONALISM, AND PROLETARIAN WATCHFULNESS. SOME DELEGATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE AREAS AROUND PRGUE, PLZEN, TABOR, AND KARLOVY VARY, WERE UNABLE TO JOIN IN CON- VERSATIONS OTHER THAN OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED ONES WITH PARTY AND TRADE UNION FUNCTIONARIES OR TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WORKERS. IN ALL CONVERSATIONS THE SUBJECTS OF COMRADE HAGER'S SPEECH AND VARIOUS ARTICLES FROM "NEUES DEUTSCHLAND" INVARIABLY CAME UP. THEY WERE DESCRIBED AS GROSS INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE CSSR. DESPITE INSISTENCE THAT ALL EFFORTS WERE STILL TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM AND THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION IS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CSSR, TENDENCIES TOWARD ANTI-SOVIET OPINION APPEARED XXIII 785 NNNN

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